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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the first paragraph on page one of the specification by adding the following sentence at the end of the paragraph:

as

The disclosure of this application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

A marked copy of this amended paragraph is attached as Appendix I.

Please amend the specification by inserting the attached Sequence Listing after the claims and before the figures. The statement required by 37 CFR §1.821(f) is also attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX I

This application claims the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of the following United States provisional patent application: Provisional Application serial number to be assigned, filed March 30, 2000, as U.S. Application No. 09/539,248, for "Selectable Marker Genes," and subject to a Petition for Conversion to Provisional Application, filed November 16, 2000. The disclosure of this application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.